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# RIP INTO COLOGNE DEFENSE AREA



**Smash Toward Cologne:** Storming across the Erft River at three points yesterday, the American First Army fought into Cologne's outskirts (see on map above), while on the Ninth Army front a dozen fortified cities were captured.

## First Storms Across Erft River; Ninth Shelling Duesseldorf

PARIS, Feb. 28 (UP).—The American First Army stormed across the Erft River at three points today, pouring armored task forces over a bridge captured intact and fighting into the outskirts of Cologne. The U. S. Ninth Army captured a dozen fortified cities, but the full extent of its drive still was cloaked under a security blackout.

Front reports said that the Ninth Army had reached positions near Duesseldorf and that its heavy guns were hurling shells into that city of half a million on the east bank of the Rhine.

Radio Paris said today that the American First Army is less than five miles from Cologne.

The Erft was crossed both north and south of the great Duren-Cologne superhighway and on the road itself. The major American breach was made northwest of Modrath, where a lightning night thrust by armored task forces seized a bridge intact.

### FORD RIVER

Eighth Division assault troops storming straight down the military road found the main Erft bridge destroyed. They swam and forded the narrow stream and fought into Modrath, only six and one half miles from Cologne. Their drive appeared to be unchecked.

The veteran American First Division, which spearheaded Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' winter assault upon the Siegfried Line east of Malmady Jan. 28, was indicated to have made the third crossing in the area south of Modrath.

"The battle for the Erft Canal and immediate rough terrain and ridge behind it means we are storming the outer defenses of Cologne," a high armored staff officer told United Press.

### PATTON'S TROOPS

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army, meanwhile, completed the capture of Bitburg and sent spearheads thrusting from three directions toward Trier, last major bastion guarding the route to Coblenz. Patton's forces now are five miles southeast of Trier, seven miles northwest and six miles west at Wasserbillig.

Field reports from the Canadian First Army said German resistance was disintegrating between that area and Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's First Army forces striking up from the south.

It was reported that an estimated 1,500 prisoners had been taken up to early afternoon in addition to 4,500 captured on the Ninth Army front Tuesday.

More than 100 towns and villages were captured by the First Army in the first five days of the offensive. Among the towns taken in today's fighting was Gladbach, seven miles southeast of Duren.

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## Commons Backs Churchill on Polish Question by Vote of 396 to 25

LONDON, Feb. 28 (UP).—The House of Commons defeated, 396 to 25, an amendment by rebel conservatives attacking the Crimea conference decision on Poland.

It is doubtful now whether a vote will be taken tomorrow on the Government's formal motion for approval of all the Crimea decisions. The feeling of the House was clearly shown on the Polish issue.

Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden spoke today, and the Prime Minister himself will give the concluding argument for the government tomorrow.

Eden stressed that neither the Polish issue nor any other issue must be allowed

to come between the three great allied powers—or a third world war might follow.

"I do believe that if we hold this unity we can establish peace for 25 to 50 years—who can say," the Foreign Secretary said. "Unless we can hold it there will be no peace for anything like that period."

The British Government, he stated, was corresponding with Russia about sending some British observers into Poland "to see what is going on" and if the new Polish Government, when formed, asks Allied supervision of Polish elections, "the British Government certainly will be prepared to join in it."



# Soviets Take 2 Pomeranian Strongholds

LONDON, Feb. 28 (UP).—Tank and cavalry-led Soviet columns captured the Pomeranian strongholds of Neustettin and Prechlau today and swept on toward the Baltic, driving back German troops fighting to stave off one of their greatest disasters of the Soviet winter offensive.

The fall of Neustettin, 12-way traffic hub 88 miles east of Stettin and an industrial city of 16,000, and of Prechlau 24 miles to the north-east was announced by Marshal Joseph Stalin in an Order of the Day.

Both centers had been by-passed earlier and Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's Second White Russian Army spearheads were now believed in the immediate proximity of the coast and the last German rail and road connections to Danzig.

The regular Moscow evening communique reported that Rokossovsky's army took more than 50 other towns and villages during the day. In surrounded Breslau, Soviet troops captured one suburb, two factories and 10 blocks of buildings, the communique said, while several localities were captured southwest of Königsberg in the East Prussia pocket.

Berlin said that Rokossovsky had swung "far north" of a point west of Rummelsburg, itself only 35 miles from the coast, and other Soviet units were officially placed by Moscow as beyond Bublitz, west of Rummelsburg and only 29 miles from the sea.

The advance was continuing unchecked despite the difficulties of an unseasonal thaw which flooded rivers and turned fields to slush. At some points the Soviet vanguards were encountering enemy superiority of three men to their one. Despite the savagery of German counter-blows, they were disorganized and ineffective, Moscow dispatches said.

Stalin, ordering a 12-salvo salute from 124 of Moscow's guns to celebrate the newest victories, hailed five cavalry generals and four infantry commanders for leading the assault, indicating the important role the famed Cossack horsemen were playing.

(BBC broadcasts heard in New York quoted Moscow advices that

Rokossovsky's forces were in sight of the Baltic.)

Thousands of infantrymen climbed aboard tanks to negotiate the boggy terrain as Rokossovsky rapidly tightened the trap around even more Germans than were cut off in Latvia last October or at Königsberg in East Prussia this winter in similar Baltic encircling operations.

Engineers and tankmen were credited with the success of the four-day battle which crashed through the German Baltic line based on Bublitz, Neustettin, and other fortified towns and a series of lakes. The Germans had alternating mine fields, combat trenches, and gun emplacements along the line.

## Corwin Drama At Labor Rally

A new version of Norman Corwin's powerful drama, "Untold," will be presented on an especially designed stage at the CIO world unity rally in Madison Square Garden, March 12, it was announced today.

The world unity rally is being sponsored by the CIO as a public endorsement of the accords reached at the Crimea and London World Trade Union Conferences. A feature of the program will be the first report of the proceedings of the London conference.

Speakers list will include Philip Murray, CIO president; R. J. Thomas, president of the United Automobile Workers Union and head of the CIO delegation to the London conference; Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers; Mayor La Guardia and top government officials of the United States, Great Britain and the Soviet Union.

# Jones Ignored War Need To Aid Alcoa, Senate Told

By Federated Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Another example of how that practical realist Jesse Jones played favorites with monopoly at the expense of the war effort came to light today before a Senate body investigating postwar prospects of the aluminum and magnesium industries.

While the "dreamer" Henry Wallace was making loans to small farmers as Secretary of Agriculture, Jesse Jones, then in control of the Reconstruction Finance Corp., was siding against American small business to give all-out financial aid to the Aluminum Co. of America and its Canadian subsidiary.

The charges were made by R. S. Reynolds, president of Reynolds Co., at Senate Small Business Committee hearings on postwar possibilities of developing 60,000 new enterprises through utilization of aluminum and magnesium.

Reynolds told how his company pitted its strength against Alcoa, which prior to the war hogged U.S. aluminum production and maintained no threat of shortage existed.

While the Aluminum Co. of Canada won U.S. aid to the tune of \$210,980,000 plus another \$57,000,000 to safeguard it against loss through

the Metals Reserve Co., a subsidiary of Jones' RFC, Reynolds said his own company risked almost \$73,000,000 in plants and working capital, including \$46,000,000 borrowed from RFC, the latter loan being described by Jones as "one of the best secured loans he'd ever made."

When his aluminum plant in Sheffield, Ala., was ready to produce in May, 1941, Reynolds said, instead of his getting an order, the Metal Reserve Co. gave a contract to the Canadian Alcoa subsidiary.

## George Bill Signed; Wallace Up Today

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (UP).

—President Roosevelt has signed the George Bill divorcing federal lending agencies from the Commerce Department and removing the last major obstacle to Senate confirmation of Henry A. Wallace to the Commerce post, it was disclosed today.

Mr. Roosevelt signed the measure Saturday while aboard ship. Wallace's confirmation for the Commerce post goes before the Senate today.

# Romanian Cabinet Resigns; Undemocratic Policy Hit

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (UP). — Gen. Nicolai Radescu, premier of Romania, and his entire cabinet have resigned after failing to carry out full democratization of the country and purge it of pro-Nazis, Moscow and Bucharest broadcasts said today.

The Moscow radio, heard by FCC, said King Michael accepted the resignations and began consultations with political leaders to get a new government organized.

Radescu's resignation was announced a few hours after Andrei Vishinsky, Soviet Vice-Commissar of Foreign Affairs, arrived in Bucharest.

Other Bucharest reports said six army generals and four colonels had signed a protest against Radescu, charging the prime minister was trying to revive Nazi methods by attacking Communist leaders.



Flood waters cover a street beside the railroad tracks in Pittsburgh. The rising of three rivers in this area has inundated a part of the north side of the smoky city. The waters are threatening many Pennsylvania communities.

## 100 National Bodies Discuss Bretton Woods

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28. — An amazing turnout of men and women representing more than 100 major national organizations gathered in the Department of Commerce Auditorium today to hear about Bretton Woods.

Hearings on legislation approving the Bretton Woods proposals for an international bank and monetary fund will open in about two weeks before the House Banking and Currency Committee.

Americans United for World Organization Inc., sponsoring the conference, involved officials of both the State Department and the Treasury as speakers, and in an informal seminar.

Ninety percent of all the organizations invited sent delegates. They were businessmen, lawyers, economists, teachers, churchmen, veterans, club women and representatives of Negro, Jewish, Catholics and other groups.

The International Kiwanis Club, the American Legion and its Women's Auxiliaries, the AFL, the CIO, the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, the American Farm Bureau Federation, the Farmers Union, and the American Bar Association were represented.

Peace in the political sphere is impossible without peace in the economic sphere, Assistant Secretary of State Archibald MacLeish told them at a luncheon meeting.

### CRITICAL PERIOD

The next 56 days prior to the San Francisco Conference is the most critical period in United States history, he said. The San Francisco conference can create an international organization, but it will fail unless the people accept it.

The only sour note of the day was struck when Dr. William Irwin, economist of the American Bankers Association, arose to protest a remark of Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Harry White.

White had declared that not all bankers opposed Bretton Woods. The reports against Bretton Woods attributed to the ABA and the New York State Bankers Association were the work of committees, and not referred to the membership, he said. The Pennsylvania State Bankers Association supported the Bretton Woods proposals.

"We cannot have a revival of international trade without the fund, which insures square dealing on the international monetary side," said E. M. Bernstein, Treasury economist.

"After the war we should have at least \$30,000,000,000 worth of world trade a year. This will not be possible if we have depreciation of currencies and all the multiple currency practices and trade discriminations of the thirties."

White pointed out, in answer to questions, that the ABA actually did not propose that the international bank handle the stabilization functions that the fund outlines.

The fund includes far-reaching commitments by the 44 signatory countries that their exchange rates would be altered only with the consent of the international body.

# Senate Again Delays Action on Manpower

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28. — Chances for a vote this week on the manpower bill dwindled today when the Senate recessed without a decision. The fight to confirm Henry Wallace as Secretary of Commerce has priority tomorrow.

Every hour that the foes of Wallace delay confirmation is another hour of delay in manpower legislation as well.

There is not telling when the three-way, even four-way debate on the manpower bill will be ended.

Only a minority group, led by "Happy" Albert B. Chandler (D-Ky), is opposed to any manpower relief.

But the pro-manpower Senators are divided, first into those who will take the present amended Kilgore-Ferguson bill with the compulsory amendments; second into those who insist the amendment be deleted, and third into the advocates of the May-Bailey bill, which has passed the House, and which puts control of all male workers between 18 and 45 into the hands of the Selective Service boards.

### BAILEY MAKES FLEA

Today Sen. Joseph W. Bailey (D-NC), co-author of the May-Bailey bill, was the main speaker. The lean, North Carolina Senator pleaded that the amended Senate bill was too weak.

"We can't win this war with big words," said Bailey, as he paced back and forth behind his desk with nervous intensity. "We must furnish the men that are needed."

President Roosevelt recently appealed for a bill in the spirit of the May-Bailey measure, and Bailey keeps reminding his colleagues today that the government's call for the hundreds of thousands of additional workers needed dare not be disregarded.

"If it's all right to send the son to the front it's right to send the

father into industry," he declared. "If the May bill has something wrong, amend it," he added. "But in the name of God let's give the country something substantial."

Sen. Owen Brewster (R-Me), who supports the May-Bailey bill, got earnest attention from the galleries when he read a letter from a soldier at the front that said the boys in uniform kept asking this question: "Why are not all able-bodied men mobilized for total war?"

Sen. Chapman Revercomb (R-WVa) today offered a substitute bill combining the Selective Service punitive feature of the House bill with a reduced measure of WMC control of labor mobilization.

## Demobilization Story Denied

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (UP).

Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, Veterans Administrator, got a dressing down today from Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson for telling Congress 250,000 U. S. troops would be discharged each month after Germany's defeat.

Stimson described the statement, made in testimony before the House Appropriations Committee, as "both unauthorized and without foundation."

The War Department intends, with Germany's defeat, to marshal against Japan "every soldier and every item of equipment that can be used effectively to speed our final victory," he said.



# F.D.R. Home; Reports Today To Congress and Nation

## Dewey Hasn't Heard Enough On Crimea—Only the Facts

Thomas E. Dewey begs off from saying anything about the epochal Crimea conference, with these words at Albany Tuesday: "We haven't heard what happened; we have only an official summary."



DEWEY

Tribune crowd and the Taft defeatists. This was the man who ran for President! How lucky for America that he was defeated!

## With FDR at Yalta's Historic Conference

IN THE MEDITERRANEAN WITH PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, Feb. 18 (UP) (Delayed).—President Roosevelt's visit to the Soviet Union was history in the raw. It varied from business sessions in the marble-walled ballroom of a former czar to lavish dinners with scores of toasts by the biggest men of the modern world over deep dishes of caviar and thimble-like vodka glasses.

Amid the pulverized, lifeless ruins left by the Germans when they fled the Crimea, the President, Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet Premier Joseph Stalin settled in some of the few remaining habitable buildings for what undoubtedly was one of the big events of modern history.

The President's residence—and the site of the actual Big Three Conferences—was Livadia, which in the days before the Russian Revolution was the summer palace of Czar Nicholas II.

The plenary session of the Big Three and their staffs were held in the main ballroom of the palace. The room was about 150 feet long and more than 50 feet wide with a ceiling about 40 feet high. In the center of the stately room was a large round table where the three principals and their top advisers—about 30 in all—sat during the meetings.

### FDR CONFERENCES

Mr. Roosevelt usually began his day in a bedroom conference with his own staff, including Harry Hopkins, War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes, Ambassador W. Averell Harriman, plus the President's staff of military and naval aides.

The business sessions of the Big Three usually ran right through the lunch hour and sometimes on into the evenings until 9 o'clock with a pause for tea in the late afternoon. The President, at request of Churchill and Stalin, presided over each meeting. The session which produced the final communiqué lasted from midafternoon until 3 a. m.

Staff officials said the Yalta conference was by far the hardest-working of all the international meetings.

The President and his party ate almost entirely Russian food with the exception of Mr. Roosevelt's breakfast, which was prepared from American stores on a U. S. naval supply vessel and cooked by American Navy messmen.

The rest of the diet for the American party, however, was en-

tirely Russian. The cooking was done by Moscow hotel chefs.

The conference was geared to pressing wartime business and there was little time for social affairs. The only breaks in the hard-driving routine of work were three dinners at which the principals in turn entertained the other conferees. These were small affairs with only the very top figures present.

The weather at Yalta was chilly, but not uncomfortable. Ordinary winter clothing was sufficient, with topcoats for out of doors. The weather sailing through the Mediterranean was so warm that Mr. Roosevelt did not have to use his great, Blue Navy cape.

## Corregidor Foe Almost Through

MANILA, Thursday, March 1 (UP).—Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today that the destruction of the Japanese garrison on Corregidor is "practically complete." MacArthur's daily communique announced that a total of about 3,000 American troops had overcome an enemy force of approximately 6,000 men on the island at the mouth of Manila Bay.

He announced that 4,215 Japanese bodies already have been counted.

American casualties were 136 killed, 531 wounded and eight missing.

He announced that the first cargo ships already had entered Manila Harbor, thus opening that vast anchorage to American shipping for the first time in more than three years.

Hard fighting meanwhile continued on the 25 mile front east of Manila where two American divisions were battling into the Sierra Madred mountains.

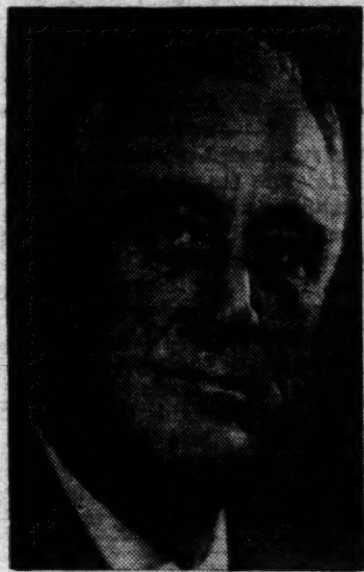
## UAW Soon to Count Ballots on Pledge

DETROIT, Feb. 28 (FP).—Counting of 300,000 postcard ballots in the no-strike pledge referendum of the United Auto Workers (CIO) begins early in March. Deadline for civilian ballots was Feb. 17, and it seems about a fourth of the eligible membership voted.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (UP).—President Roosevelt returned today from the Big Three Crimea Conference, and will report in person to Congress tomorrow on his historic meeting with Premier Joseph Stalin and Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

Mr. Roosevelt will address a joint session from the well of the House at 12:30 p. m. EWT. His speech will be broadcast nationally, and tomorrow night will be short-waved throughout the world.

Mr. Roosevelt was so inspired by the Big Three's progress toward a durable peace that he could foresee for the future—but not the near future—armament reduc-



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tion by the major Allied fighting powers.

He feels, however, that Germany and Japan must be put on probation for 50 years or more before being readmitted as equals to the society of nations. Until Germany and Japan can prove that they belong in the family of peaceful nations, he said, force must be used if necessary to see that they cannot arm or otherwise prepare for war.

He told news conferences aboard his cruiser that the Pacific war was not discussed, either at Yalta or in his subsequent meeting with Churchill at Alexandria, Egypt.

But he warned that we face a long, hard war in the Pacific—even after Germany is beaten. He said this fact needs particular industrial emphasis in this country.

A White House release dated Feb. 20 had said regarding the Alexandria meeting that Churchill told the President that Britain would throw everything it had at the Japanese when Germany was beaten. But the actual discussions may have taken place at Malta before the Big Three meeting.

### TO ATTEND COAST PARLEY

Mr. Roosevelt also:

1. Revealed that he plans to attend the forthcoming United Nations World Security Conference at San Francisco—either at the start or close of the meeting to make what he described as a speech of greetings in the role of host. The meeting starts April 25.

2. Said he expects to meet again with Churchill some time after the San Francisco Conference.

3. Said he would be very glad to see Gen. Charles de Gaulle at any time, but that he had no present plans for a meeting with the French leader.

The President landed last night at an east coast port after a 10-day voyage from Algiers. He proceeded to Washington by overnight train, arriving at the White House early this morning. The President felt fine and rested

## FDR Returns in 'Tip-Top' Condition

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (UP).—President Roosevelt returned from his Crimea trip today feeling fine and in what his physician, Vice Admiral Ross T. McIntyre, described as "tip-top" physical condition.

The Yalta conference itself was tiring and the President lost a lot of sleep, but he made up for it on the cruise home, spending an hour or two each day in the sun and sleeping late in the morning.

after the arduous Yalta meeting. His spirits were buoyed by the progress made at Yalta. Close associates described the conference as the most successful of its type since the war began.

The 10-day sea voyage gave the President a chance to catch up on his sleep after long hours of almost constant meetings. The trip home was favored with balmy, springlike weather. Mr. Roosevelt relaxed in the sun and acquired a tan.

### PREPARES REPORT

En route, Mr. Roosevelt devoted much time to preparing his report to Congress. He worked with his special counsel, Judge Samuel I. Rosenman, who joined the party at Algiers.

As his ship approached the Atlantic Coast, he spent an hour with three press association correspondents. He reviewed the Yalta Conference and was openly buoyant about its achievements.

Mr. Roosevelt said the original three-power plan had provided that:

1. Russia would occupy eastern Germany.

2. Great Britain would occupy west and northwest Germany.

3. The American zone of occupation would start at the turn of the Rhine River at Mainz and extend through southern Germany. It would include a supply corridor, to the sea at Bremen and would extend into the provinces of Wurttemberg, Baden and Bavaria.

But this plan will have to be changed according to the degree of French participation in the occupation. A French zone would change either the American or British zones. This obviously means that Russia will occupy eastern Germany regardless of what France does.

He gave this explanation of Soviet participation in the deliberations of the Anglo-American combined chiefs of staff:

The Russians will have a part in anything affecting their own troops, but not in anything pertaining to operations in the Pacific.

## How Sea, Air, Land Forces Guarded FDR

ON THE ATLANTIC WITH PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, Feb. 19 (Delayed) (UP).—The protection given President Roosevelt during his long journey to Russia was graphically demonstrated today

when the cruiser bearing him darted out of the Mediterranean past enemy submarines attempting to get at Allied shipping.

The President's cruiser was flanked by another cruiser, six destroyers and heavy air cover from land based planes and a blimp.

Nearing the straits of Gibraltar the cruiser received word of submarines lurking in or near the straits. The ship's speed was increased from 20 knots to better than 30 knots. With all battle stations manned and alert crews scanning the sky and sea, the convoy swept past the towering rock of Gibraltar in full daylight.

The President came out on deck to watch the maneuver, and remained topside until the ships stood out in the Atlantic just off the coast of Spanish Morocco. Once well at sea, the escort was reduced to an accompanying cruiser and three destroyers. Air protection, however, was continuous. When the cruiser's position got beyond the range of land-based planes, the job of patrol was taken over by an aircraft carrier, which ran far ahead of the ships.

There were submarine alarms during both trips across the Atlantic, but no actual combat action resulted. As the President's ship passed the Gibraltar area, however, ships other than those in

the convoy protecting the President were in action nearby against submarines.

### GUARDED BY SOVIETS

While in Yalta the President was guarded not only by his own secret service agents, but agents of the Soviet NKVD, and Soviet interior troops. One of the most striking features of the Russian protection of the Big Three were girl members of the interior troops, some of them no more than 14 or 15 years old. They patrolled the roads in the Yalta and Sevastopol area with large bayoneted rifles.

Radio silence was preserved at all times while at sea. To transmit news of the death of Maj. Gen. Edwin M. Watson, the President's secretary and military aide, a destroyer was sent a great distance before her radios could be operated long enough to get word of Watson's death back to his family in Washington.

It was always possible for the ships to receive radio messages, and the President received up-to-the-minute accounts of affairs in Washington and at the White House. He followed the news in general through the ship's newspaper, which published three editions a day.

Contrary to reports current at the time, the President had no plans for visits to Rome, Paris or London during this trip.



# Don't Wait for a Strike: Seize the Mines Now!

## AN EDITORIAL

The government should immediately seize the bituminous mines to insure uninterrupted coal production. Lewis must not get thirty more days to prepare his campaign for disruption and tie-up.

The government has seized other essential industries before threatened strikes took effect. There isn't a person in America who seriously doubts the meaning of Lewis' strike notice Monday.

We urge responsible leaders of both labor and industry to call upon the government to take over the mines NOW. We are sure that the people will fully back the Commander-in-Chief in such a step.

We urge locals of the United Mine Workers to serve notice on John L. Lewis that they stand by the nation and the President.

That we already have an emergency situation in coal was well stressed by Fuel Administrator Harold L. Ickes Tuesday. Some consumer industries will either have to halt or slow down if enough coal is to be available for vital war industries, he said. We cannot even think of a stoppage, "no matter how short," he added.

We agree with Ickes that all measures to conserve coal and shift it

where most necessary, should be taken. But we cannot accept the view that a strike is inevitable.

A stoppage can be averted if the government acts immediately to seize the mines. Furthermore, as we said yesterday, the miners must be told that their demands will not receive consideration so long as Lewis holds the strike gun at the country's ribs.

And the miners must also be given full assurance that their demands will be given the most constructive consideration.

Americans will not tolerate any excuse for a wartime strike. Those who, like PM in yesterday's issue, justify strikes because there are grievances, are in reality justifying violation of the no-strike pledge. They too, will be on the receiving end of the country's wrath.

Of course everything possible should be done to eliminate immediate causes for strikes. But the no-strike pledge and the wartime disputes machinery, to which labor is a party, were founded on precisely the idea that disputes are bound to occur, but must be settled peacefully.

Lewis openly proclaims his desire to scrap the pledge. He flaunts the interests of America and his own miners. The government must seize the mines before he acts.

## ALP Rally Urges Wallace Be Okayed

Confirmation of Henry A. Wallace to the post of Secretary of Commerce was demanded here last night by a rally of the New York State American Labor Party at the New York Times Hall.

ALP trade unionists and district leaders heard wires sent to the rally from Sens. Robert F. Wagner, James M. Mead and Harley M. Kilgore pledging determined support for President Roosevelt's choice.

The rally unanimously sent a resolution backing Wallace to Vice President Harry S. Truman, Senate Majority leader Alben W. Barkley

and Senate Minority leader Wallace H. White.

Prof. J. Raymond Walsh, national research and educational director of the Political Action Committee, who presided, read the Kilgore message which declared that "refusal to confirm Henry Wallace would be an unconstitutional invasion of the President's executive functions."

### GREETINGS FROM PEPPE

Speakers at the rally included Reps. Vito Marcantonio and A. Clayton Powell, Leo Krzycki, president of the American Polish Congress; and Councilman Michael J. Quill. The rally was also greeted by Sen. Claude Pepper and Truman.

The ALP has collected 740,000 signatures on petitions urging Wallace's appointment.

Mead's wire promised that he would vote for Wallace's confirmation. He has already voted for him in committee.

The ALP resolution said that the fight for confirmation was part of the fight for postwar full employment for all Americans.

"We need Wallace in the cabinet to help realize our postwar goals," said Wagner.

## Progress in South Cited at Luncheon

The progressive section of the South is working hard to undermine interracial conflict, and its effort is being helped by the unions, Lillian Smith, editor of The South Today, told luncheon guests of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare at the Hotel Commodore yesterday.

The luncheon was in preparation for next Tuesday night's dinner at the Hotel Commodore in honor of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Dr. Channing Tobias, another speaker, cited a General Hawkins, of Augusta, Ga., commanding Camp Lee, Va., as asserting he had no "Negro" and no "white" soldiers under him but only soldiers of the U. S. Army.

## News Capsules

### Storm and Flood in 5 States

Winter storms and floods swept five states yesterday. The swollen Ohio River threatened war plants lining its banks between Pittsburgh, Pa., and Wheeling, W. Va. Lowlands in Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi were under water. Four persons were dead in Oklahoma as parts of the state dug out from the worst blizzard in years.

The House Ways and Means Committee approved legislation yesterday to lift the Federal Government debt limit to \$300,000,000 (B). The present limit is \$280,000,000. The debt now is nearly \$235,000,000. . . . A bill for a New York State fund to make up pension contributions to teachers now on leave to the armed forces and the Red Cross has been introduced into the State Legislature by Assemblyman Lee Isacson and Sen. Paul A. Fino at the request of the Teachers Union.

Extension of commercial rent control to stores and offices was urged yesterday by the Citizens Union in a letter to Assemblyman D. Mallory Stephens, chairman of the Joint Legislative Committee on Commercial Rents. . . . Coal-burning passenger trains operating at less than 35 percent capacity

are going off the tracks today "without exception," the ODT said yesterday.

MARGARET WEBSTER, Shakespearean director and producer, resigned from the City Center board in protest against the barring of the play, Trio. Elmer Rice, playwright, resigned last week. Both protested against serving with Commissioner Paul Moss who arbitrarily closed the show. . . .

Sens. Claude Pepper (D-Fla.) and J. W. Fulbright (D-Ark.) asked the Senate to permit a majority to force a showdown vote on treaties and bar filibusters.

## Only Hitler Could Provide the World 'Socialist' Hartmann. Yearns For

Dr. George W. Hartmann, notorious "Peace Now" leader, was again guilty Tuesday night of treacherous utterances. Speaking at Greenwich Presbyterian Church, Hartmann had the Goebbels-like gall to ask for the "trial" of the Big Three leaders of the democratic powers.

If Hartmann's wishes could be granted, what

event alone could put through such a "trial"? The triumph of Hitlerism, which has "tried" and executed many other democrats. And it is the victory of Hitler, it is plain, for which Hartmann is zealously working. How this man can be allowed to continue on the staff of Teachers College is amazing to all patriots. Why is he not rather in the jail where he belongs?

## Ives-Quinn Bill Fights Race Hate, And Pegler Takes It Personally

By LOUIS F. BUDENZ

With unrestrained venom, Poison Pen Pegler on Tuesday called to all Ku Klux Klan outfits in New York to defeat the Ives-Quinn anti-discrimination bill. That long-needed measure, bringing in the barest justice, the Hearstling declares to be a violation of the "privilege to hate collectively and selectively." We have heard those mouthings before. They were the jumping off place for Adolph Hitler in his leap to power and bloody misrule.

In the usual fascist fashion, Pegler caricatured this legislation for democracy into "anti-democratic interpretations. He tried to damn it with absurdities and asinities, fictitiously holding up the

horror of one religionist being forced to accept the ministrations of another. Through the cases he cited, he appealed to Christian Frontism and to the low sex-fictions employed against the Negro people. Nor did he rest until he rang in anti-Semitism and red-baiting.

To such appeals to prejudice and passion, in itself the best demonstration of the urgent need for such a law, he added the usual straw-men arguments raised against all progressive labor legislation.

The Ives-Quinn law, he asserted without one shred of proof, "would encourage and protect incompetence, loafing and other misbehavior." Such is precisely the charge made frequently against

the Wagner Act, and while that act has been in existence labor has produced as never before in our history. It's clear that, with discrimination curbed, morale would be lifted and production rise still higher.

Pegler's offenses against decency and democracy are long and putrid. It was he who cheered on the leaders of the seditious anti-Negro strike in Philadelphia. So deeply were the people moved to anger against him for this anti-democratic act that Roy Howard was then compelled to let him go. The people will have to let their views be heard again. They will have to make it out of order in any union or people's organization for anyone to read the papers for which this fascist writes.

## State CPA In \$200,000 Fund Campaign

The Communist Political Association, through its New York State Treasurer, David Amariglio, announced yesterday the launching of a drive to raise \$200,000 through the State of New York, the funds to be used for the development of community work within the state. Amariglio announced that the funds collected will be divided equally between the county offices and the local clubs.

Much of the work of the clubs, he said, has been devoted to war activities such as donating blood, scrap and bond drives. It is hoped, he added, that enough money will be raised for the establishment of community centers, where people in the neighborhood can come to make their fullest contributions to the war effort.

The campaign for the \$200,000 fund begins today, and will end on June 1, 1945.

## To House Planes

Fifty-five-ton portable aircraft hangars which can be erected in a mere 30 hours are now being built by Bethlehem-Steel Co.

## Marcantonio Acts to Advance Polltax Bill

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Discharge Petition No. One was put on the Speaker's desk in the House today.

It was filed by Rep. Vito Marcantonio (ALP-NY) and is designed to get the anti-polltax bill on the House floor. The bill has been bottled up by the House Judiciary Committee.

Marcantonio reported rapid progress towards the necessary goal of 218 signatures.

## The Night Club Habitue At Midnight Slips Away

By LOLA PAINE

Veddy quiet. That's how Maxine Levi and I summed up our tour of the night clubs on Tuesday, second eve of the curfew. People just got up and went home! True, it

takes the government to put some people to bed, but we agreed with the doorman at Tony's, West 52 St. between Fifth and Sixth Aves.

"What'll most people do?" he repeated our question. "Why, they'll just take the bitter with the sweet."

At Leon and Eddie's on the same block, we talked with Moses Polakoff, the club's lawyer.

"Business is off plenty," he said. "We now have two shows instead of four, and people come

for the first time and stay on through. There's no turnover. Besides that, there's no more theater crowd."

"But I don't want to paint a gloomy picture," he went on. "It'll take maybe a week to get a full picture, both for ourselves and for our customers. You know, it takes time for people to adjust their habits."

"Actually," Maxine said as we left the place, "the only way to describe the whole thing is to recognize that there are no Pollyannas. Nobody likes the curfew but everybody is willing to put up with it."

At 10 minutes to midnight, the Spotlight Club across the street folded for the night. People came out quietly, sometimes joking about the curfew, sometimes suggesting going to a restaurant for a sandwich. We heard no grumbles.

"Veddy quiet," I said.

"Veddy quiet," Maxine said. And that's how it was all along 52 St. as we approached club after club. The people just went home along a darkened street.



# UAW Cracks Down on Strike Heads

## One Excuse for Strikes Is as Good as Another to PM

Still withholding from its readers the information that President Philip Murray warned that "now more than ever" the no-strike pledge must be upheld, PM yesterday ran two full pages of editorial matter to justify strikes.

"No excuse for causes of strikes," ran the title over each story. Everyone of the items was well slanted to justify the Detroit Dodge strike, the scrapping of the no-strike pledge by the textile union and John L. Lewis' move for a coal tie-up.

A long story by Harold Lavine from Detroit vibrated with enthusiasm as the hoodlum-like behavior of Walter Reuther's group at a strike meeting was described. The writer only heard cheers for John L. Lewis and shouts of "let's get John L. back."

The general object of five articles on the two pages was to prove that there are grievances. If only we didn't have such grievances, there wouldn't be strikes. So until "excuses" for strikes are eliminated, don't complain against strikes. Too bad we didn't think of that before the war broke out. A postponement might have been arranged until everything in industry is smooth and sweet and we are assured against any possible disputes. And we would not have even needed the War Labor Board or the no-strike pledge.

## Jury Foreman Chosen For Fay-Bove Trial

Selection of a jury for the trial of James Bove and Joseph S. Fay, AFL leaders accused of extortion, got under way yesterday before Supreme Court Justice William H. Munson of Orleans County in the Criminal Courts Building.

Edward L. Champion, a mechanical engineer, of 404 E. 55 St., was chosen as foreman but selection of jurors to serve with him proceeded slowly. Three other talesmen examined were challenged.

Bove, until last week vice-president of the AFL Hod Carriers, Building and Common Laborers International, and Fay, vice-president of the AFL International Union of Operating Engineers, were indicted May 19, 1945, charged with extorting \$703,000 from nine contractors under threat of calling strikes on the Delaware water project.

## British Press Plays Up World Labor Decisions

LONDON, Feb. 28 (FP). — British press comments, taken as a whole, give a smash hit rating to the World Trade Union Conference, which adjourned here Feb. 17 after pledging formation of a new world labor organization.

Here are some newspaper reactions:

The London Times headlined "Worldwide Federation for Workers." Lord Beaverbrook's Daily Express, biggest of the dailies, said: "World Trade Union Congress Assured . . . London Talks a Success . . . There seems little doubt that a much wider world trades union federation in some form will eventually emerge."

The Liberal News Chronicle predicted that the conference continuation committee would shortly be "bringing into existence a new world trades union federation."

The Observer said:

"The conference succeeded far beyond the expectations of its convenors, the British Trades Union Congress, who merely intended it to be advisory. This view was not shared by the majority of delegates who said they had not traveled to England

merely to talk and return empty-handed. So the conference reached decisions which will profoundly influence the future of the world's labor movements."

AFL member Courtney Ward, who attended the World Labor Conference as an observer on behalf of District Council 6 of the Brotherhood of Painters, said he would return to the U. S. to "work untiringly to get the AFL to enter the new organization."

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DETROIT, Feb. 28 (UP).—The CIO United Automobile Workers Union moved today to discipline leaders of rebellious Local 3 for failure to end a strike by 13,500 members which has paralyzed Chrysler Corporation armament production. Acting International union President George Addes summoned Mike Novak, Local 3 president, and members of the local executive board to attend a hearing at 3 p.m. to explain why the international's and

War Labor Board's back-to-work orders have not been carried out.

Similar hearings in the past have led to suspension of local officers and appointment of an international representative to handle their affairs.

In his telegram to the local executives, Addes said "there have been violations of the laws of the international union on the part of the officers and executive board of Local 3." He said that today's hearing would determine what action the international union would take.

### Stormy Four-Hour Local Meeting

By HARRY FAINARU

DETROIT, Feb. 28. — A stormy four-hour meeting of Dodge Main plant workers last night voted to continue the strike which is paralyzing Chrysler production of B-29s.

Before the meeting, the Dodge

Local 3 executive board voted 17 to 10 to call off the strike.

Mike Novak, Local 3 president, didn't even vote at the executive board meeting and in a one-hour speech at the mass meeting, never once recommended a return to the job.

"What's the use of going back in and having to go back out again in a week or so?" he told the meeting.

An organized gang of supporters of John L. Lewis and Walter Reuther, UAW vice-president, kept the meeting in turmoil.

Novak set the tone by assailing international officers who urged an immediate return to work and anyone who dared open his mouth in favor of ending the strike and accepting the international's recommendation.

### CHEER LEWIS

Workers known for their adherence to CIO policy against strikes were actually threatened. Goons, stationed at strategic places

in the hall, warned them to keep silent.

One speaker who mentioned the name of John L. Lewis was cheered.

The hand of the pro-fascist Polish outfit, Knapp, is evident in the stoppage. Local 3 membership includes many Polish-Americans and followers of Knapp are among the most vocal supporters of the strike. A Negro worker made a dramatic plea for resumption of production.

"When millions of our men are giving their lives on the fighting front, what can we hope to accomplish by staying out on strike?" he demanded. He was booed wildly.

The same treatment was given Norman Matthews, Chrysler Department UAW director and George Addes, UAW secretary-treasurer, as they urged an end to the stoppage.

### To Hear James Allen

James S. Allen, foreign affairs expert of The Worker, will speak on "The Great Crimea Conference" at the Moshulu-Norwood Victory Club, 3092, Hull Ave., the Bronx, on Thursday evening at 8:30 p. m. Admission is 25 cents.

# LET'S GO THE CPA MUST GROW

Today, the Communist Political Association of New York launches its 1945 Fund Drive. \$200,000 must be raised by the community clubs and county organizations to do the kind of educational job that is needed in our State.

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## Churchill, Crimea and Dewey

NO MATURE judgment of Prime Minister Churchill's report on Crimea can be based on its secondary shortcomings; for example, we still disagree with the prime minister on Greece, and the responsibility for carrying through the Yalta program in that country still rests most heavily on the British. But the speech as a whole derives its great importance from the fact that it reflected the military and political unity of the great powers for the war and for a long period into the peace.

Churchill himself stated the alternative to such unity very dramatically: "Terrible indeed would be the fortunes of mankind if some awful schism arose," he said, between the socialist and capitalist worlds. His report shows that this prospect was rejected at Crimea, as at Teheran.

The prime minister dealt with Britain's attitude toward her Soviet ally, the fate of a defeated Germany, the settlement on Poland. And these matters are correctly related. There could not be unity with the Soviet Union if the western powers held on to the idea of a strong Germany, for that could only be in our times a Germany in which fascism remained. Similarly, there could not be a Polish settlement until the decision to eradicate fascism in Germany, to make territorial changes and to exact reparations from her was also taken. Finally, only an Anglo-American agreement for a strong and democratic Poland could prove to the Soviet Union and the world that cooperation with Russia was real, and that fascism in Germany would really be eradicated.

He restated the Crimea decisions on Germany. He dismissed the border issues on which the Polish emigres pinned their hopes, showing that Britain always upheld the Soviet approach on this matter. He emphasized his complete faith in the Soviet Union's sincerity toward the independence of Poland. He "repulsed" the idea that Crimea was a capitulation to the USSR, or that crude bargains were made; in fact, he emphasized the "broad justice" of the Polish settlement. It is this broad justice which deserves American support, too.

President Roosevelt's first remarks upon returning home are on the same high plane, as will no doubt be reflected in today's message to the nation. The President sees the ultimate transformation of Germany and Japan as a long-range process, which is another way of stressing how harsh the measures to eradicate fascism must be. Equally important was his emphasis that the United States respects Soviet neutrality in the Far East; this scotches the tactic of all those who would make support of Crimea conditional on what the Soviet Union does or does not do in the Far East. It has the merit of raising the Crimea accord to its proper level as a world understanding, which is in the deepest interests of the United States.

### Who Opposes Crimea?

Who then opposes Crimea? Churchill was criticized by those same Tories who opposed the Anglo-Soviet alliance and who hankered for another Neville Chamberlain. He was also criticized by Greenwood, representing the Social-Democratic influence in the British Labor Party. We have the same evil combination in this country—"our own" Social-Democrats and the reactionaries in both parties, but especially the GOP, attack the President.

Sen. Burton Wheeler has already made himself very clear: he opposes the destruction of German fascism, weeps for the German people and the Polish emigres. He proposes a "United States of Europe" which can only be a German-dominated Europe so long as fascism remains in that country, as Wheeler desires. From this flows his bitter hatred of the USSR, and the President's policy based on friendship with the Soviet Union.

But the position of Thomas E. Dewey, expressed on the same day that Wheeler spoke, is less open but more important. Mr. Dewey, who had so much to say on foreign affairs during the campaign, has suddenly become mute; it seems that the 2,500 words of the Crimea communique do not tell him enough to merit comment.

Actually, Dewey has not been so silent. Senators like Hugh Butler and columnists like David Lawrence have spoken for him, full of slander and stupid criticism of the Crimea accord. If Dewey is silent, it is because he knows the ground has been cut from under him by the President's policies, and he would only expose his narrow partisanship when he opens his mouth. Finally, he is mum because he wants to retain connections with the Chicago Tribune wing of his party, the gang which ran his campaign, and with which he still intends to work for 1948. Thus, his refusal to comment is actually a comment in itself—it shows in whose hands the Republican Party lies.

## HEAD HIM OFF!



—They're Saying in Washington—

## AFL Old Guard and the GOP

By Adam Lapin

WASHINGTON. WELL, Senator Arthur Vandenberg really seems to be taking himself seriously as the GOP candidate in 1948. Surely no other interpretation can be placed on his appearance as the featured speaker on the AFL's weekly radio program. When an anti-labor diehard like Vandenberg courts labor support, there is usually a compelling political reason in the background.

For the bigwigs of the AFL executive council to sponsor Vandenberg as a speaker does not, of course, mean that they are necessarily committed to back him. It does mean that they are not adverse to giving Vandenberg a boost, and that they are again playing around with the Republicans.

And it means something a bit more specific than that. Vandenberg's subject was "Lifting Government Controls" which was a mild way of describing his attack on alleged government bureaucracy. "We must pay just as much attention to demobilizing the bureaucrats as we do to demobilizing the Army and the Navy," he said.

This ties in too closely for coincidence with a continuing barrage of propaganda from the AFL old guard about the evils of government bureaucracy. As a matter of fact, recent AFL blasts on the evils of government controls sound like they might have come from the high command of the GOP or from the National Association of Manufacturers.

A mild suggestion from the public members of the War Labor Board for continuing WLB after the war brought from AFL members the angry retort that this was "a dangerous trend of thinking" which would lead eventually to "government dominated and government controlled unions."

### Refused to Back Wallace

A recent article by William Green on the AFL's postwar program wound up with a fervent plea that it was necessary to end as soon as possible present controls over management and labor. Green warned these controls "can-

not be permitted to remain in effect without impairing America's free enterprise system."

More conspicuous than any direct statement was the AFL's refusal to back Henry A. Wallace during the heat of the Senate battle over his nomination as Secretary of Commerce. Wallace got plenty of support from many leading businessmen. But he was too "radical" for some of those labor statesmen in the AFL's musty building on Massachusetts Ave. And then, of course, Wallace does think the government has some responsibility for assuring full employment after the war. While the recent council meeting in Miami did go on record for a postwar public works program, there was also included the all too familiar anti-bureaucracy slant.

The AFL old guard is apparently also worried about the purity of free enterprise on an international scale. George Rothwell Brown, political pundit for the Hearst chain, reported a few days ago that AFL leaders have been in touch with GOP members of the House Banking and Currency Committee to talk over concerted opposition to the Bretton Woods plan. "Conservative labor leaders are reported as being worried over what might conceivably happen, under this grandiose international banking plan, to the American laboring man's dollar," Brown added.

### Joined With GOP Against Job Plan

It seems almost unnecessary to point out that government controls in the postwar period are not a real issue. Certainly administration spokesmen are not pressing for continuation of all government controls. If there is any danger, it is that controls may be relaxed too quickly. The real issue is not that of control but of government responsibility in assisting private

business of government cooperation with business.

When the AFL old guard echoes all the old slogans about bureaucracy, it is in effect joining the GOP chorus against the administration's entire 60,000,000 jobs program. Add to this the anti-Soviet blasts against any association with the labor movement of the Soviet Union which emanated from the recent council meeting, and the AFL old guard sounds increasingly like a group of more backward Republican Congressmen over cocktails.

One might almost think the professional Republicans in the AFL council like Matthew Woll and Bill Hutcheson had won a smashing victory on Nov. 7. One might think that millions of AFL workers had turned out enthusiastically to vote for Tom Dewey. One might think that favorites of the AFL old guard such as Gerald Nye, Puddler Jim Davis, Stephen Day and Fred Busbey had been overwhelmingly elected.

Certainly one would never know that the AFL old guard was repudiated a little less than four months ago, and that Daniel J. Tobin, Harvey Brown and other pro-Roosevelt leaders had effectively demonstrated that the sentiment of the rank and file is all for the President's policies.

Apparently elections may come and go and world labor congresses may hopelessly isolated the AFL old guard, but Matthew Woll, carries on as if nothing had happened. The only consolation is that these boys rarely succeed in throwing their weight around when it comes to a show-down. They can give a Vandenberg radio time, but they probably can't elect him dog-catcher. It would be nice though if AFL members could find some way of expressing themselves in between national and Congressional elections.

## Worth Repeating

STRIKES, ration chiseling and the race for reconversion are scored by the St. Louis Star-Times of Monday, Feb. 26, which says: All border on treason so long as victory is still being bought with American blood.

THE CRIMEA CONFERENCE is hailed in the current Free World (March) in an article, The First Democratic Peace in History, which states in conclusion: We feel that it is now up to the people of the United Nations to give utmost support to the San Francisco conference and to prepare for a swift ratification of the peace treaties in all parliaments and congresses of the United Nations.



# Today's Guest Column

THE conferences aboard the American cruiser in Great Bitter Lake (Suez Canal) at which President Roosevelt talked with King Farouk of Egypt, Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia and King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia, reflect, like the decisions of the Yalta conference, the new determination of the United States to assume its full responsibility in grappling with problems in foreign lands which previously we have been content to let others assume as their burden. The President's discussions with the Middle East rulers signify that this country's Good Neighbor Policy is no longer to be limited to the Americas.



by Alphaeus Hunton

colonies, the question of air bases, the question of the Syrian-Lebanese demands for freedom from French mandate, the Palestine problem and the question of oil.

Without speculating on what may or may not have been said on these matters, we can say that the fact that our President took the opportunity of his presence in the Middle East to meet and talk face to face with the Egyptian, Ethiopian and Arabian rulers will help much toward solving these various problems. We hope that the result may also come from the conferences which Prime Minister Churchill had in Cairo with the Ethiopian emperor, the king of Arabia, the president of Syria and Egyptian leaders. Such friendly contacts between the leaders of the great powers and the statesmen of the smaller powers are needed to help smooth out the Dumbarton Oaks road to worldwide security and peace.

THIS is important. For, while the Crimea conference strengthened the coalition of the United States, the Soviet Union and Great Britain, the primary condition of postwar security, much remains to be done in strengthening the relations and establishing full confidence between the great powers and many

## FDR's Conferences In Great Bitter Lake

of the smaller nations. And equally urgent, if not more so, is the job of establishing new relations between the great powers and their dependencies — which includes semi-colonial areas, protectorates, or just plain colonies.

If there is to be any success in bringing order out of the imperialist muddle, two things are absolutely necessary: the substitution of multilateral discussion and agreement in place of unilateral action, and the substitution of planning and working with dependent peoples on a basis of equality in place of the customary dictation to them by those who hold power. The first is necessary in order to avoid new and more bitter international rivalries; the second is necessary in order to avoid incurring the resentment or worse of subject peoples.

THE conferences aboard the cruiser on Great Bitter Lake and the participation of colonial delegates in the World Labor Conference just ended in London, both set a new pattern of democratic relationship which must be developed between free peoples and dependent or semi-dependent peoples in the postwar world. It is appropriate and expedient that this new pattern should first be established at the top level of international planning. From there the pattern must be broadened and applied universally.

## Listen Here,



Mr. Editor

### Misrepresentation Among Catholics

Chicago, Ill.

Editor, Daily Worker:

It is almost incredible how many professional Catholics are still engaged in red-baiting campaigns through the regular Catholic press and other agencies. Even such a supposed liberal as Rev. R. A. McGowan has called communism "one more of the many dangerous movements afloat in a changing world." This was written in a pamphlet called *A Cure for Communism*, which was printed in 1935 but is still being distributed.

It is true that Father McGowan takes a different tack from some reactionary Catholics in saying that there is "no way of ending the threat of communism save by making the production and distribution of goods serve the people."

He also attacks the ideals of fascism, but the way in which he handles communism is an index of how much many professional Catholics still have to learn about national unity. H. T.

### Max Kitzes Honored by IWO

Manhattan.

Editor, Daily Worker:

On Saturday evening, Feb. 24, in conjunction with the Emma Lazarus Women's Club, the Haym Salomon Lodge 572 JPPFO-IWO, honored Brother Max Kitzes, its president, for his 25 years in the progressive and labor movement, with a testimonial banquet at the Trianon Restaurant, New York.

At this banquet, Brother Sam Liptzin greeted him in the name of the Jewish daily, *Morning Freiheit*. Brother John Williamson, secretary of the Communist Political Association greeted him. In his talk he emphasized the progress of the working class people and the progressive people generally in their years of struggle through this quarter century, leading up to this world war against Nazism. He further pointed out the international unity of the democratic peoples of the world as expressed in the Teheran agreement and in the recent Yalta Conference conclusions. J. A.

### Willkie's View And the Crimea

Dallas, Texas.

Editor, Daily Worker:

In connection with the Crimea Conference, it is interesting to note that the Dallas Morning News paid a tribute to Wendell Willkie's viewpoint in an editorial of Feb. 22. While this tribute was probably an attempt by a normally reactionary newspaper to prevent too much credit going to President Roosevelt, the interesting thing is that they felt Crimea to be important enough to assess credit in several directions. In conclusion this conservative paper says: "The main hope today for American participation in a world plan for collective security is in the abandonment of isolation by many here who formerly held to that policy. For this change, much of the credit should go to the gallant fight of Wendell Willkie."

CHARLOTTE R.

The opinions expressed in these letters are those of the readers and not necessarily of the paper. We welcome letters from our readers and their friends on subjects of current interest. To facilitate the printing of as many letters as possible, and to allow for the freest discussion, please limit letters to 300 words.

## Views On Labor News

LABOR leaders who cynically dismiss the report of the War Labor Board's public members against wage revision, alleging it is the final word of the Administration, have not learned much from the development of the New Deal and the government's wartime policy.

The logic of that position is either to throw up the sponge on the grounds that nothing can be done, or to swing out with "militant" sabre-rattling threats to end the no-strike pledge. I have always felt that both those courses are actually the same. The latter path, by the test of more than three years of war, has proved to be no more beneficial to the affected workers than the policy of doing nothing. It has been harmful to the war effort and, consequently, in the long run, harmful to the workers involved.



by George Morris

ites. The fact remains, however, that breaking dishes or otherwise raising Cain has never yet settled an issue. Neither does this phony militancy. In effect, it is an escape from struggle — the kind of struggle that is more difficult and requires far greater resourcefulness than the simple expedient of calling a doomed strike and thus "satisfying" the membership.

IT IS, for example, quite common for business agents to take the easy "militant" road, instead of undertaking the more tedious job of thoroughly investigating the picture to see how many members are entitled to substandard raises, correction of inequalities, etc., and what other advantages might be gained in place of a direct across-the-board raise.

If Philip Murray had taken that position, 400,000 U.S. Steel Corp. workers would not have gained annual raises totaling \$60,000,000. But there is a still bigger question. What has labor itself contributed toward making it possible or easier for the President to revise the wage formula? The issue is not between labor and the President as some would like to state the problem. The real opponents of wage revision are, in the first place, the reactionary forces among the industrialists who so stubbornly refuse to yield an inch to labor.

Many in the ranks of labor underestimate possibilities that still exist and could even be expanded under existing wage policy. It is true, however, that in some spheres possibilities for wage changes have dried up.

It is those forces who, through the most powerful weapons of misinformation, multi-million propaganda funds and lobbies in Congress, have built up opposition to wage revision among a great section of the population.

To cite two extremes: The coal miners whose leaders have been the worst violators of the no-strike pledge and have called three general strikes, have gained less in wages and are worse off than workers of any other comparable major industry. The 780,000 members of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers (CIO), a union with probably the most perfect no-strike record (authorized or unauthorized) have made relatively the most significant wage gains. Scores of other comparisons bear out the same point.

Stripped down to realities, the "militancy" so loudly voiced by some labor officials in wartime is just refuge from their own inability to meet the situation. I refer to those who do not, necessarily, have the malicious designs of the Trotskyites, Socialists or Lewis-

## Miss Thompson and the German Underground

IS THERE a German underground? Yes, there was and there is one. It is no exaggeration to say that tens of thousands of Germans, especially German Communists, fought and died as heroes in the battle with Hitler, worthy of the heroes of all other nations.

Last week Max Lerner reported in PM about a discussion with young Russian workers liberated by the American army in western Germany. These Soviet boys and girls expressed their hatred and contempt for the Germans, but they acknowledged the courage and help of the few German Communists whom they encountered. But one young Russian added: "There are so few of them."

Here is the problem in a nutshell. There are too few active anti-Nazis among the German people. Too many have been killed, and too few have taken their places. Above all, the great mass of the German people have let the heroic few swim against the stream, without following them.

The Germans forsook their own anti-Nazis, did not follow the advanced patriots, like

by Hans Berger

Ernst Thaelmann, and let them be slaughtered in the concentration camps. The Germans allowed the Nazis to command them, to force them into horrible crimes against other peoples, to join willingly in these crimes.

WHAT follows from all this? It is not possible to judge the present generation of Germans and the German workingmen of today in the light of Ernst Thaelmann, of all the heroic anti-Nazis whom we must respect and admire.

But these are not Biblical times, and we are not the Lord. It is not possible to forgive the Germans for what they did just because there

were anti-Nazis among them. No honest fighter of the German underground would ever propose to forgive his people for the crimes committed by them, and in their name, simply because he himself fought his unsuccessful fight against Hitler.

These German anti-Nazis will play an important role in civilizing the future Germany, in bringing the German workers to their senses. But neither must such German anti-Nazis be used as a fig-leaf to cover the crimes of the German nation.

WHEN people like Emil Ludwig, who never risked a thing in the fight against German reaction, speak with contempt of the underground, we may call it a matter of bad taste.

At the same time, it is impermissible to exploit the deeds of this unsuccessful and tragic underground in order to excuse the crimes of the German nation as a whole — and that is just what Miss Dorothy Thompson does.

### In Sunday's Worker

Earl Browder writes on "The Army Kills the Red Boyer" in his weekly comment. Don't miss it.



# 7 Nations at Mexico Parley Americas Study World And Regional Security

By EFREN FARRILL Wireless to the Daily Worker

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 28.—At least seven delegations at the Inter-American Conference of Foreign Ministers favor a break with Franco Spain, Peru's Foreign Minister Gallagher told a press conference here yesterday.

## FOREIGN BRIEFS

### Plan British Empire Parley

An ALL-BRITISH EMPIRE parley will be held before April 25. . . . Marshal Tito's envoy, GENERAL ILITCH, arrived in Nancy to arrange for evacuation of Yugoslavs freed from German prisons.

TURKEY'S hopes of playing a leading role in the Balkans are "entirely out of the question," President MOSA PIDE, of the Yugoslav Anti-Fascist Assembly, declared in the Belgrade Communist paper, BORBA. Turkey's war declaration, Pide said, was "speculative and extortionist." . . . Four hundred British officers have been offered to the Greek government to help reorganize the Greek armed forces.

Dutch-Soviet negotiations are mapping repatriation of some 200,000 DUTCH CITIZENS being liberated by Soviet forces in eastern Poland.

The trial of Gen. Mario Riotta, former head of the Fascist secret service and army chief-of-staff, is nearing its end. The prosecution asks a LIFE SENTENCE. . . . The Soviet government has decorated 45 French airmen, members of the FRENCH NORMANDY SQUADRON.

Moscow radio reported a STATE OF EMERGENCY in Bremen, following "disturbances among sailors."

### Dinner to Open Drive To Recognize Italy

A campaign for recognition of Italy as a full ally will be launched at a dinner in celebration of the sixth anniversary of L'Unita del Popolo, progressive Italian-American weekly on Sunday, March 11, 2:30 P.M., in the Henry Hudson Hotel, it was announced yesterday.

Rep. Vito Marcantonio, sponsor of the congressional resolution for recognition of Italy, will be guest of honor at the dinner. Josh White, Guido Bussinelli, Jimmy Savo and Savo Bruno will entertain.

L'Unita del Popolo, 13 Astor Place, announced that the banquet will also mark the beginning of a drive to mobilize Italian-Americans behind the Crimea decisions, and to obtain lend leases for Italy.

### Communist Role in Uruguay Praised

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 28.—Ex-Foreign Secretary Varela, head of the Uruguayan delegation to the Inter-American Conference here, yesterday indignantly denied a claim that Uruguay's resolution against the Axis is also aimed at the Communists. This claim was made by the reactionary Mexican newspaper, Excelsior.

The Communist Party of Uruguay is cooperating closely with the government and democratic forces, Varela declared, and is in no sense a menace. Of 97 members of the Uruguayan parliament, he added, two are Communists.

Purpose of Uruguay's anti-Axis resolution, Varela explained, is to eradicate Nazi activities and stamp out fascism.

A meeting of at least six of these nations—Guatemala, Cuba, Costa Rica, Colombia, Ecuador and Haiti—is expected to follow the conference. A joint diplomatic break with Spain will then be declared.

Former Foreign Secretary Varela of Uruguay brought a resolution before the steering committee for a break with Franco. The Colombian delegation warmly supported this move. Ezequiel Padilla, Mexican Foreign Minister, disclosed that many organizations had requested him to bring up the matter officially, but moved to table the resolution at this time because Pan-American Union policy opposes intervention in the affairs of foreign countries.

Padilla's action is regarded as strange, considering the warm support of Spanish Republicans expressed by President Manuel Avila Camacho and Undersecretary of Interior Casas Aleman.

### Chavez Hits Taft On Phony FEPC

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Sen. Dennis Chavez (D-NM), chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Education and Labor, voiced his disapproval today of Sen. Robert A. Taft's (R-O), plan to cripple the Fair Employment Practice Committee, which protects Negroes' right to jobs.

Chavez favors the bill for a permanent FEPC, with strong enforcement powers, which his committee endorsed last Fall. Final hearings on that measure are set for March 12.

He told the press that he would open hearings on the Taft proposal to see what support was behind it.

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### Cuban Industry Acts On National Unity

HAVANA, Feb. 28 (ALN).—The National Association of Industrialists of Cuba (ANIC) in its Weekly Letter, this week editorially urged a better understanding between workers and industrialists to meet post-war perspectives.

The editorial followed an invitation to leaders of the Confederation of Cuban Workers (CTC) to attend an ANIC breakfast for the purpose of creating mutual confidence between the two groups.

Declaring that the Cuban industrialists met with loyal and sincere cooperation, the Weekly Letter, "with pride and satisfaction, stated: 'The National Association of Industrialists of Cuba has the firm conviction that only through agreement of the government, workers and industrialists will the grave and complex problems of the future be resolved quickly.'

## Argentine Anti-Fascists Hail U.S. Stand in Mexico EXILES SEE NEW ERA TAKING SHAPE AT INTER-AMERICAN PARLEY

By RODOLFO GHIOLDI Wireless to the Daily Worker

MONTEVIDEO, Feb. 28.—Argentine anti-fascist exiles held a mass meeting here yesterday to support the stand taken by the United States at the Mexico City Inter-American Conference.

Speakers from all democratic parties—Conservative, Radical, Socialist and Communist—agreed that Secretary of State Stettinius' speech in Mexico last Thursday marks an important new stage in inter-American relations.

The Stettinius speech was welcomed for its obvious warning of the danger of Nazi-fascist infiltration in the political and economic life of this hemisphere from Argentina, and for its clear explanation of the interrelation between hemisphere and world problems.

The Mexico deliberations are assured of success because they are held under the banner of Yalta and San Francisco.

Before the war, South American "internationalists" turned exclusively either toward the United States or Great Britain. During the war some of them "evolved" toward the Axis, as in the case of Argentina. The overcoming of these limitations and the bringing of the continent into step with world objectives is the new feature contributed by Stettinius.

The manner in which his speech was delivered is especially noteworthy. It was free of all grandiloquences and by its clarity and precision it can be classed with what should from now on be called the "Yalta style": precise, direct, energetic form with correct content.

By JOSEPH STAROBIN

How to adjust collective security within the American hemisphere to the larger framework of world security that will be elaborated at the San Francisco parley in April loomed up as a major issue at the inter-American conference in Mexico City yesterday.

The foreign minister of Colombia had proposed a resolution which would obligate all American republics to come to each other's assistance—by arms if necessary—in case of a threat to anyone's territorial integrity and independence from any American power.

This was supported in a sub-commission by Brazil, Cuba, Mexico, Honduras, Bolivia and Peru. It would have been voted out for consideration by the entire parley if Sen. Warren Austin (R-Vt) had not asked for further discussion by the American delegates.

The proposal from Colombia would mark a new stage in inter-American security. Until now, the hemisphere has been agreed on common action in case of aggression from a non-American power, in effect, an extension of the Monroe Doctrine.

It would now represent an important advance if the territorial integrity and independence would now be guaranteed against any American power—and in fact would serve to spotlight such a danger from fascist Argentina or any future fascist power in the hemisphere.

### CHIEF DIFFICULTY

The chief difficulty lies in the relation of such a move to the Dumbarton Oaks proposals. For if the American countries could decide to use force in case of hemisphere aggression, how would that jibe with the rights of the Security Council of the proposed world organization?

According to James B. Reston, in the N. Y. Times, the American delegation is divided on this point. One group favors the Colombia resolution. It wants the hemisphere to become a tight regional bloc, and would oppose the right of the Security Council to veto action against aggression within this hemisphere.

The other group does not want the inter-American conference to do anything which might hurt the Senate's ratification of Dumbarton Oaks or prejudice the San Francisco parley.

Reston predicts the final solution

will be a decision among the American delegates to support the Colombia resolution, but to limit collective security within the hemisphere to joint action short of using armed force. The issue of when armed forces should be used would be left to the world organization and its Security Council.

## Jet-Propelled Army Plane As Fast as Sound

WASHINGTON, Feb. (UP).—The Army today unveiled a sensational jet-propelled fighter, the P-80 "shooting star," heralded as the fastest pursuit ship in the skies.

Already in production, the P-80 was developed by Lockheed Aircraft Corp. in cooperation with Army Air Force and Royal Air Force technicians.

The exact speed was withheld for military reasons. But the Army did permit disclosure that it has aerodynamic innovations designed for speeds approaching or surpassing the speed of sound—around 800 miles an hour.

The Shooting Star, which has been streaking through the skies for more than a year in secret tests, is powered by a new General Electric turbo-jet engine described as the world's most powerful aircraft motor.

An intensive production program is under way at the Lockheed factories at Burbank, Calif. The North American Aviation factory in Kansas City also is producing the new propellerless speed demon.

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## French Airman Here Says France Fears for Prisoners of Nazis

No French family is free from fear for the safety of one or more of its members now in Germany. Lt. (JG) Philippe de Croisset of the French Naval Air Force told the press yesterday at the offices of the French Press and Information Service here.

The young lieutenant, who just arrived from Paris to work temporarily at the Information Service, said the danger that 2,500,000 prisoners of war and deportees may be slaughtered is the darkest cloud

on France's horizon today.

He described the terrible cold in the unheated schools, homes, shops, factories and said Parisians are subsisting almost entirely on bread, apples and potatoes. This starchy diet has its effect especially on the health of children, Lieut. de Croisset explained.

"Despite the bad conditions," he smiled, "people don't talk about it all day. The French keep their chins up. There's no whining, just the usual grumbling."

## WHAT'S ON

RATES: What's On notices for the Daily and The Worker are 50c per line (5 words to a line—5 lines minimum). DEADLINE: Daily at 12 Noon, For Sunday, Wednesday at 4 p.m.

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# Relocating Stuyvesant Town Tenants Meets Many Snags

By LOUISE MITCHELL

More than one-third of the 630 tenants now living on the Stuyvesant Town site, who have come to the Tenant Relocation Bureau at 441 E. 14 St. for assistance have secured apartments through the bureau, James Felt, director, said yesterday.

The bureau has on hand some 7,000 listed vacancies, but about 30 percent are of the cold-water, toilet in the hall type and are not recommended. About 20 percent of the 3,000 families living on the site now occupy this type of dwelling. The Bureau does not recommend such flats because "we consider them inadequate for decent living," explained Felt.

One third of the area will be evacuated on April 1, according to the present plan of the Stuyvesant Town Corp., which intends to build a postwar publicly-aided private juncrow project on the 18-block site between East 14 and 20th Sts. and First Ave and Avenue C.

Eager to give a honest picture of the housing situation, Felt also explained that in addition to the housing shortage which makes location of new places even more difficult, the balance of the listed apartments are on the upper stories of rehabilitated houses.

"You can see where such places will not do where there are very young or old people," he said.

## INSPECT APARTMENTS

The Bureau which was engaged by the Stuyvesant Corp. has six full time workers inspecting all registered apartments. Felt considers the work of the Bureau extremely important for the valuable date it will accumulate and offer to the city when it prepares to demolish various areas in preparation for public-housing. He believes the independent agency is taking an "enlightened real estate view."

A most serious problem facing the Bureau is its inability to offer apartments to tenants living in the area who want better abodes than they now reside in. Many families which have been paying from \$12 to \$25 can afford more these days but find apartments in the slightly higher brackets almost impossible to locate.

"Tenants living in squalid quarters no longer want equivalent apartments," he said. "They want something better. In fact, for what they can afford to pay they want 'all improvements.'"

A small group of tenants in the area living in better type apartments cannot be serviced at all, he said. These tenants paying middle rents face a very difficult problem.

## NO VACANCIES

"We have no listed vacancies comparable with what they have for what they pay."

For these tenants he recommended; reservation of apartments to be vacated by the WAVES in the Hunter College area in the Bronx; extensive rehabilitation and conversion of other structures.

The entire area will be cleared out by Aug. 1, according to present plans. The problems of resettling the families is far from solved.

For this purpose a mass meeting by the Stuyvesant Tenants group will be held Friday night at Stuyvesant High School to ask for a stay of evictions until all tenants are settled. Councilman Benjamin Davis and Samuel Di Falco will be the main speakers.

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## THE LOW DOWN

Gallagher of the Cubs  
Stoops to His Lowest

By Nat Low

Last summer Dave Farrell, our old Pacific Coast crony, and I went up to the Hotel Commodore to have some words with Lou Novikoff, whom, you undoubtedly remember, received his first publicity in these pages some six or seven years ago when David's rather dull father "discovered" him playing for Los Angeles of the Pacific Coast League.

Lou met us in the lobby, and if my photographic memory serves me right, it was on the club's first swing east. He wasn't too happy. The Cubs had lost almost as many games in succession as Hitler had lost supermen since the invasion of the Soviet Union and Lou himself was nursing a tender backside from sitting on the bench.

Dave asked Novikoff, who had led every league he had ever played in in hitting, why he couldn't break into the lineup of a club which had just set a new record for losing games and was burrowed deep in the league cellar. Manager Jimmy Wilson had been fired just about this time and popular Charley Grimm was once more plucking his banjo in Wrigley Field.

Lou's face turned sour. "It's all personal," he said. "The two Jimmy's don't like me."

The two Jimmy's, in case you are unfamiliar with the affair, are Jimmy Wilson and Jimmy Gallagher—the front office boob.

Offhand you would say such a thing couldn't be so—that a redoubtable hitter like Novikoff would deliberately be held down by a manager and an ex-scab who is utterly ignorant of anything connected with baseball. But if you didn't believe Novikoff's statement then you certainly must believe it now because the Cubs have shipped Lou back to Los Angeles and if this isn't one of the most despicable pieces of railroaded baseball has ever seen, we'd like to know what is.

Some day somebody is going to catch up with Jimmy "Scab" Gallagher and boot him the hell out of baseball—but until that time we have to sit by, powerless to stop his latest and most brazen piece of chicanery.

Every team in the major leagues would have given a pretty dollar to lay hands on Novikoff, yet the Cubs wouldn't sell and by a technical trick had him waived out of the league.

The whole affair started when Novikoff held out for more dough his first year up with the Cubs after Gallagher had offered him a paltry salary. Gallagher got Jimmy Wilson's ear and poisoned the otherwise capable manager against Novikoff with the result being that Lou found himself sitting on the bench and losing his batting eye plus his spirit.

I don't know if Novikoff really is the great hitter most baseball men say he is. But I do insist that, compared to the teen-agers and over-agers playing the game today he is an all-time great and certainly belongs on any team in either league. The spectacle of seeing him shipped back to Los Angeles when the manpower situation is so desperately acute can only be understood as a sadistic desire on Gallagher's part to crush Novikoff's morale and drive him out of baseball.

If ever baseball needed a commissioner to halt a real crime it needs one now.

And what I'd like to know is how come a man like Phil Wrigley, one of the nicer and more progressive men in the game, continues to employ such a universally despised punk as Gallagher.

Chicago baseball fans should raise the roof over this case and would be supported by all baseball fans if they started a campaign to drive Gallagher out of baseball. Even if he is kicked out now his stench would linger for many, many years.

## Score 204 Points in Game

By PHIL GORDON

It will take many years before two teams better the basketball scoring record set by Rhode Island State and Yeshiva College Tuesday when the Rhodites won 130-74. The total of 204 far exceeds the previous record of 177 points established when the very same Rhodites beat New Hampshire three years ago, 127 to 50.

Among other things, Ernie Calverly scored 37 points.

Almost the whole of Trenton will be at the Garden Friday night to watch favorite son Ike Williams go against Willie Joyce in a twelve round bout. In the Jersey town an inter-racial booster's committee has been set up to root the Negro fighter in.

Al Roberge, former second baseman of the Boston Braves, has been wounded in action in Germany. He enlisted in January of 1943.

Big Bill Tilden took quite a swipe at the tennis straw-finch yesterday for not allowing Pancho Segura to play him in exhibition

match for wounded servicemen at Army camps because Segura is an amateur.

Tilden called the Lawn Tennis Association's attitude "insufferable." And he was being polite.

Henry Armstrong and Kenny Washington are in town preparatory to going overseas on a USO Camp Shows tour of the fighting fronts. Nat Low will drop by to see the boys tomorrow and will have a column on it later in the week.

Four Canadiens, goalie Bill Durnan, wings Toe Blake and Maurice Richard and defenseman Emile Bouchard, were named on Frankie Boucher's all-league team together with Bill Cowley of Boston and Flash Hollett of Detroit.

Nary a Ranger was named.

There is tremendous interest centering about the Saturday clash Army and Navy on the basketball court with the Cadets being favored to win.

## Rangers Play 'Sudden Death' Game Tonight

By BILL MARDIO

The Rangers, who are hanging onto a playoff hope by a slender thread, may see that thread snapped tonight at the Garden. All the boys have to do to kill their Stanley Cup chances is to lose to the last place Chicago Black Hawks.

That would do it—without question.

The Rangers are still only one point behind the fourth place Boston Bruins. But the Bruins, you see, have eight games remaining on their schedule while the Rangers, after tonight, will have but six. Thus, a defeat tonight would spell finis.

However, the boys have looked good in their last six games. They've won three, tied two and lost only one and that's better than par for the course. They almost won Sunday's game with the pestiferous Bruins but had to be satisfied with a tie.

Should the Rangers win tonight—and they are favored to do so—they will move into fourth place. But only temporarily, until the Bruins have played their two extra games.

All in all, a very tough spot and this is the first of a series of sudden death games Our Heroes will be playing.

Clins up, boys, all is not lost—yet!

### The probable lineup:

RANGERS	Pos.	BLACK HAWKS
1—McAuley	G.	Karakas—1
2—Heller	D.	Cooper—8
3—McDonald	D.	Simon—17
4—Watson	C.	Smith—3
5—Hunt	R.W.	Mosienko—10
6—Shack	L.W.	Grosso—6
7—Dill	D.	Field—11
8—Moe	D.	Mitchell—20
9—LaBrie	D.	
10—Warwick	F.	March—5
11—Atanas	F.	Harms—9
12—Mann	F.	Brayshaw—15
13—Goldup	F.	Horeck—18
14—Thurrier	F.	McDonald—19
15—DeMarco	F.	Dahlstrom—21

### 11 A.M. TO NOON

11:00—WEAF—Road of Life WOR—News; Talks; Music WJZ—Breakfast With Breneman WABC—Amanda—Sketch WQXR—Alma Dettinger, News 11:15—WEAF—Rosemary—Sketch WABC—Second Husband 11:30—WEAF—Star Playhouse WOR—Success Magazine WJZ—News; Music WABC—Bright Horizon WQXR—Concert Music 11:45—WEAF—David Harum WABC—Aunt Jenny's Stories	
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### NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00—WEAF—Don Goddard, News WOR—News; Music WJZ—Glamour Manor WABC—News; Kate Smith's Chat 12:15—WEAF—Talk—Maggi McNeill WABC—Big Sister 12:30—WEAF—Sky High Orchestra WOR—News; the Answer Man WJZ—News; Farm-Home Makers WABC—Helen Trent 12:45—WABC—Our Gal Sunday 1:00—WEAF—Mary Margaret McBride WOR—Jack Bundy's Album WJZ—H. R. Baukhage WABC—Life Can Be Beautiful 1:15—WOR—Lopez Orchestra WJZ—Woman's Exchange Show WABC—Ma Perkins 1:30—WOR—Phil Brito, Songs WABC—Bernardine Flynn, News 1:45—WEAF—Morgan Beatty, News WOR—American Woman's Jury WJZ—Galen Drake WABC—The Goldbergs	
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### 2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00—WEAF—The Guiding Light WOR—Cedric Foster, News WABC—Joyce Jordan, M.D. 2:15—WEAF—Today's Children WOR—Talk—Jane Cowi WJZ—Galen Drake WABC—Two on a Clue 2:30—WEAF—Women in White WOR—News; Never Too Old WJZ—Ladies, Be Seated WABC—Perry Mason WQXR—Concert Orchestra 2:45—WEAF—Hymns of All Churches WABC—Tena and Tim 3:00—WEAF—A Woman of America WOR—Martha Deane Program WJZ—Correspondents Abroad WABC—Mary Martin 3:15—WEAF—Ma Perkins WJZ—Variety Musicale WABC—The High Places WMCA—Adrian Rollini Trio 3:30—WEAF—Pepper Young WOR—Rambling With Gambling WJZ—Appointment With Life WABC—Sing Along Club WNYC—Treasury Star Parade 3:45—WEAF—Right to Happiness 4:00—WEAF—Backstage Wife WOR—News; Jay Johnson, Songs WJZ—Westbrook Van Voorhis, News WABC—House Party 4:15—WEAF—Stella Dallas WJZ—Variety Musicale 4:25—WABC—News Reports	
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## Nazis Also Planned 'Super-Race' of Horses

(The following United Press story from Paris is just another in a whole series that proves how far the German nation has degenerated under Hitler. Not content with attempting to create a "master race" of so-called human beings the Nazis, in France, also tried to make a "master race" of horses by stealing the best horses of Europe. But read the story for yourself.—Ed Note.)

By ROBERT AHIER

PARIS, Feb. 28 (UP).—France's leading turfmen joined today for a concerted drive to redeem French racing from the effects of a fantastic Nazi plan for Europe's traditional sport—the creation of a "Master Race" of blooded horses.

The plan, devised in the "best" Nazi tradition, called for the deportation of France's best racing stock to the Reich. There it would be bred with the best animals from other beaten nations to produce a brand of horse which would outrun and outjump the rest of the world. It succeeded at least in wrecking the foundation of French racing—its fine old stud farms, built up during years of patient and expert selection, breeding and training.

Mapping the reconversion program was a group of outstanding French turfmen known as the National Federation of French Racing Societies—a group which organized during the occupation as a "protective" society representing the country's five largest racing organizations.

Its first task will be to counteract the machinations of a Munich breeding expert named Christian Weber, a personal friend of Hitler and organizer of the much-publicized "Brown Ribbon" races at Berlin. Weber came to France in 1941 and systematically surveyed the best stables and stud farms for promising horses. Then, ignoring a French boast that it was training—not blood—that produced their great racers, ambitious Nazi breeders began to cart off the country's finest animals.

First to go were the best-known name horses—Pharis, son of the great English stallion Pharos and

### Communiqué:

Gunder Hagg, Swedish track ace, did not arrive yesterday.

winner of every big race in Europe; the fleet Branton and Bubbles from the Rothschild Stables, and Biribi, lifted from retirement at the Somon Guthman stud farm. Before two years were out, a large part of French turfdom's finest racing blood had been drained.

Among the missing were names that before the war had made thousands of the nation's racing fans' hearts beat faster: Perruche Bleue, Vendange, Folle Nuit, Cordon Rouge, Vitamine, Ardant, Deux Pour Cent, Peniche.

Other losses included Clairvoyant, highly regarded three-year-old eaten by French soldiers during the retreat of 1940, and Corrida, winner of a score of Europe's major races, who was harnessed to an artillery wagon by the fleeing Germans last summer.

Today French owners and racing officials are determined to repair the damage and do it quickly. They already have appointed a "repatriation mission" to go into Germany directly after the armistice and salvage what it can.

The deadline they have set to return French racing to a reasonable facsimile of its prewar prestige is June—in time for a resumption of the country's biggest prewar races, the "Diane Prix" June 3, the "Jockey Club Prix" June 10 and the "Grand Prix" June 24.

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4:30—WEAF—Lorenzo Jones WOR—Food and Home Forum WJZ—Report From Paris WABC—Feature Story 4:45—WEAF—Young Widder Brown WJZ—Hop Harrigan WABC—Recorded Music 5:00—WEAF—When a Girl Marries WOR—Uncle Don WJZ—Terry and the Pirates WABC—Weapons for Victory 5:15—WEAF—Portia Faces Life WOR—Superman WJZ—Dick Tracy WQXR—Fun With Music 5:30—WEAF—Just Plain Bill WOR—House of Mystery WJZ—Jack Armstrong WABC—Terry Allen, Songs WMCA—News; Music 5:45—WEAF—Front-Page Farrell WOR—Adventures of Tom Mix WJZ—Captain Midnight WABC—Wilderness Road WQXR—Man About Town	
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### 6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

6:00—WEAF—News Reports WOR—Sydney Moseley, News WJZ—Kierman's News Corner WABC—Ned Calmer, News 6:15—WEAF—Concert Music WOR—Voice of Broadway WJZ—Ethel and Albert WABC—Pan American Music 6:30—WOR—Fred Vandeventer, News WJZ—News; Whose War?—Talk WMCA—Richard Eaton—Talk 6:40—WEAF—Sports—Bill Stern 6:45—WEAF—Lowell Thomas WOR—Sports—Stan Lomax WJZ—Peggy Mann, Songs WABC—The World Today, News WMCA—Recorded Music 6:55—WEAF—Joseph C. Harsch, News 7:00—WEAF—Supper Club, Variety WJZ—Correspondents Abroad WABC—Jack Kirkwood Show WQXR—Lisa Sergio, News 7:15—WEAF—John W. Vandercrook, News WOR—Victory Is Our Business WJZ—Raymond Gram Swing WABC—Variety Musicale WMCA—Five-Star Final WQXR—Encore Music 7:30—WEAF—Bob Burns, Comedy WOR—Arthur Hale, News WJZ—Play—Charlie Chan WABC—Mr. Keen WMCA—J. Raymond Walsh WQXR—Spotlight Music 7:45—WOR—The Answer Man WMCA—Sid Gary, Songs WIN—Johannes Ekel, News 8:00—WEAF—Frank Morgan Show WOR—Frank Singiser, News WJZ—Earl Godwin, News WABC—Suspense—Play	
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8:15—WOR—Curt Massey, Songs WJZ—Lum and Abner 8:30—WEAF—Dinah Shore Show WOR—Agatha Christie's Poirot WJZ—Town Meeting WABC—Death Valley Sheriff 8:55—WABC—Bill Henry, News	
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### 9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00—WEAF—Music Hall WOR—Gabriel Heatter WABC—Shower of Stars WQXR—Worldwide News 9:15—WOR—Real Stories WQXR—Salon de Musique 9:30—WEAF—Joan Davis, Jack Haley WOR—Treasury Hour of Song WJZ—Spotlight Band WABC—Cortina Archer—Sketch WMCA—Musical Spotlight WQXR—Reviewing the Critics Forum, at Times Hall 10:00—WEAF—Abbott and Costello, Comedy WOR—Dr. A. L. Sachar WJZ—Fred Waring Show WABC—The First Line 10:15—WOR—Paul Schubert 10:30—WEAF—Rudy Vallee Show WOR—The Symphonette WJZ—March of Time WABC—Variety Musicale WMCA—Frank Kingston, Comments WQXR—Talk—Algeron D. Black 10:45—WMCA—Mary Harkins, Songs WQXR—The Music Box 11:00—WEAF—News; Music WJZ, WABC—News; Music 11:05—WJZ—William S. Gailor 11:30—WEAF—Music of the New World 12:00—WEAF, WJZ—News; Music WOR, WABC—News; Music WQXR—News Reports	
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## Film Front

## Maurice Becker Raps Art-Jargon Pundits

By David Platt

A message from Maurice Becker signed "resonantly yours," expresses agreement with our Tuesday anti-blocky design column that art criticism as practised in the daily press is a major obstacle to wider public appreciation of art shows.

"In your column 'Art Critics Can Learn From Movie Reviewers,' you did much to 'increase the movement' toward better art criticism," Becker writes. "You have exposed the more than suggestion of 'brittleness' that underlies most of it and have laid the foundation for solid 'square-ish form' in such reviews. Matters of emotional import, the very foundation of humanist painting, are relegated to second place if considered at all in most art reviews. It has been my experience that this primary factor is what first moves the uninitiated who, however, eventually come to a consciousness of all the other aesthetic and technical virtues that may inhere in a work."

"This seems to prove that a telling message will force its creator to evolve forms in keeping and harmony with its worth. It is of course a very inadequate sort of review which talks of works with human warmth in the same words in which it describes a pleasant non-objective surface. When the critic himself is not an emotionally stymied person, the straight-jacket seems self-imposed. Of course we artists are not blameless. Anyone listening to our discussions would hardly be moved to run right out and raid an art gallery. But much can be said in extenuation for our unwillingness to go into matters emotional. For the art critic there can be little excuse."

"It would be fun, and what fun, if the Daily Worker one day set your review of a show, or Mike Gold's alongside that of one of our best art-jargon slinging pundits. The ribbon-textures that would break out on somebody's features would be every art lover's joy to behold. And the mug wouldn't be yours or Mike's either."

Resonantly yours,

MAURICE BECKER.

## MOVIE NEWS AND VIEWS

David Selznick, producer of *Gone With the Wind*, is being subverted with letters protesting his announced musical version of the film honest folk wouldn't touch with a ten-foot pole. . . . A sneak out-of-town preview of *Counterattack*, Columbia Red Army film with Paul Muni, brought in the verdict of "perfect." . . . The Screen Writers Guild will soon have their own monthly house organ. It will be called *The Screen Writer* and will carry editorials, by-line articles by Guildsmen on craft problems, and possibly scenes from important screen plays. First editor is Dalton Trumbo. . . . Ach! Those Warner Brothers! Their new subway poster advertises the following apartments for rent: "Hotel Berlin, 1,000 rooms, 2,000 secret passageways, occupancy March 2, Warner Bros., Strand Theater." . . . A British movie group is on its way to Independence Hall, Philadelphia, to do research for an original story about the Declaration of Independence. Hope it shames us into following it up with one of our own on the Framing of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

## Soldiers at Camp Kilmer Cheer USO Edition of 'Oklahoma'

By LOLA PAINE

With Red Skelton, the radio and screen comedian, sitting at my left, and 1,000 cheering GI's cramming the Camp Kilmer, N. J. theater, I had a wonderful time Monday watching the new overseas edition of the musical hit, *Oklahoma*.

Anything ever said about GI's being the best audience in the world is true. They whistled, they shouted, they roared and applauded with gusto. They had good cause, too, for the new production, put out by USO-Camp Shows for overseas duty, is an A-1 show. I predict a hilarious reception by the men on the battlefield.

*Oklahoma* is particularly well suited for GI entertainment because it's straightforward, virile, amusingly risqué and often out-and-out

funny. Besides this, it's filled with the kind of music that sings in your ears long after the curtain is down. Proof, of course, is the fact that soldiers and civilians alike are still jamming the Broadway production.

One of the soldiers told me later, "It's really swell, and I hope I catch up with it again somewhere on its overseas trip."

Red Skelton, like the rest of the boys, was in the audience because he's stationed at the camp on temporary duty. Needless to say, this famous Army private is tops with the GI's who are constantly asking him to come over to their barracks and say hello. And, needless to say, these same GI's almost crushed me to death during the intermission—trying to get Skelton's autograph! P. S. I got an autograph too. It says: "I do it. . . . Red Skelton."

## Today's Music

## THURSDAY

Philharmonic-Symphony, Carnegie Hall, 8:45 p.m. Conductor, Rodzinski. Overture to *Colas Breugnot*. Kabalevsky On the Steppes of Central Asia. Borodin Pictures at an Exhibition. Mussorgsky-Ravel Symphony No. 5. . . . Tchaikovsky

## Rimsky-Korsakoff Centennial Program

Station WJZ and the Blue Network join the Metropolitan Opera on March 10 in commemorating the centennial of the birth on March 18, 1844, of Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakoff by presenting to radio listeners the composer's *Le Coq d'Or* in English and under the baton of the conductor who first offered it in Moscow, in 1909, one year after Rimsky's death.

## 'A Tree Grows in Brooklyn' Will Please Manhattan Too

The popular Betty Smith novel about the struggling Nolan family and their neighbors in the slum section of long ago Brooklyn has been made into a restrained, human, idealistic movie. The screen play by Tess Slesinger and Frank Davis accents the extreme poverty that made a bitter woman out of Katie Nolan (Dorothy McGuire) and drove her dreamy, misunderstood husband (James Dunn) to drink and to an early grave. But considering all that's shown of the sub-standard living conditions of the Nolans, the absence of any kind of protest in *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* is amazing. It adds up to a heart-rendering story of a group of Brooklyn 'Okies' minus the grapes of wrath.

Nevertheless, the conflict between husband and wife over his failure to make a living for his family, and after his death, between mother and daughter over her failure to appreciate his good qualities, is deeply moving and real.

Top honors go to 13-year old Peggy Ann Garner for her poignant performance as Frankie Nolan, the imaginative blonde child with the toboggan-slide nose and a deep hunger for knowledge. Frankie, who wants to know everything in the world and sets out to read all the books in the library from A to Z beginning with Burton's *Anatomy of Melancholy*. Frankie, who understands and shares the dreams of her father which enable them to rise above the drabness of their existence. Peggy Ann Garner's poetic

**A TREE GROWS IN BROOKLYN.** A 20th Century Fox film produced by Louis D. Lighton. Directed by Elia Kazan from a screen play by Tess Slesinger and Frank Davis. Cast includes Dorothy McGuire, Peggy Ann Garner, Joan Blondell, James Dunn, Lloyd Nolan, Ted Donaldson, James Gleason, Ruth Nelson, At the Roxy Theater.

reading of this part will be remembered long after the film is forgotten.

Elia Kazan's direction of Dorothy McGuire in the child-birth scene is surely one of the great scenes of the year. James Dunn does the best work of his career as Johnny Nolan, the singing waiter who "had no gift for making money, but only a gift for laughter and for making friends." The barber who knew Nolan for the good man that he was, has a brief but genuine moment in the picture. There's a humorous scene in a butcher-shop and an important session with

Shakespeare and the Bible. One of the characters is an insurance collector who spreads gossip and conveys messages from nearby friends and relatives.

In short, *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* is a warm, sentimental film that narrowly misses out being a great film. But it should please most of the sixty million customers who will flock to see it.

D. P.

## Rubinstein Recital In Brooklyn Academy

Artur Rubinstein, celebrated Polish pianist, will appear in recital this Tuesday evening, March 6, at 8:30 o'clock in the Brooklyn Academy of Music. He is the ninth artist to participate this season in the major concert series, which is sponsored by the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences.

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# Late Bulletins

## Assembly Passes FEPC Bill; Foils All Weakening Revisions

By MAX GORDON

ALBANY, Feb. 28.—The Assembly today passed the Ives-Quinn permanent FEPC bill by 109 to 32 after defeating three amendments calculated to destroy the measure. The debate lasted more than six hours, one of the longest in recent years.

It followed much the same lines as the recent hearing on the measure, with spokesmen for it overwhelming its foes in numbers, eloquence and enunciation of basic American doctrine.

Two amendments were introduced by Assemblyman Malcolm Wilson, Westchester Republican. One would eliminate all enforcement features, confining the measure solely to education. This was defeated 104 to 36, with all opposition coming from Republicans. Two of these Republicans, John R. Brook and William Douglas, are from New York City. Assemblyman Wilson's second

amendment was of the "perfectionist" type. It called for elimination of all exceptions to the law except in case of religious bodies. The Ives-Quinn measure excepts from its operation employers of less than six workers as well as various non-profit groups. Wilson's measure was described by majority leader Irving M. Ives, sponsor of the bill, as an effort "to emasculate its administration." The amendment was defeated 121 to 19.

A third amendment was offered by Assemblyman William M. Stuart, Steuben County Republican, who with Assemblyman Wilson led the floor fight against the measure. The Stuart amendment called for a referendum on the bill and was defeated 101 to 40. Assemblymen Brooks and Douglas were joined by another New York City Republican MacNeil Mitchell in favoring this maneuver to kill the bill.

## Japanese on Iwo Concentrate In North for Last-Man Stand

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEAD-QUARTERS, Guam, Thursday, March 1 (UP).—American Marines made an advance of several hundred yards in most sectors of Iwo Island Wednesday, it was announced today, driving through the center of the enemy's main line of resistance.

GUAM, Feb. 28 (UP).—The Japanese main forces on Iwo are concentrated near the northern end for their final "last man" stand, reconnaissance plane crews reported today as the Marines fought slowly forward on the central plateau.

Army Liberator planes which joined warships, carrier planes and Marine artillery in an incessant bombardment of the Japanese positions, from the front line to the north coast, said almost all vegetation had disappeared after 10 days of fire.

Japanese strong points, however, remained intact, including two-story cement blockhouses, sunk so deeply in the sand that only a foot or two protruded.

(The Australian Government information department reported hearing Tokio broadcast which said: "It seems that the enemy is at last showing signs of victory on Iwo Island.")

## U.S. to Propose Security Plan

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 28 (UP).—The United States will recommend that this Inter-American Conference in its declaration against aggression agree only to guarantee the frontiers of the Americas for the duration of the war, it was learned tonight.

The United States also will recommend that for the postwar period a mutual guarantee of borders be worked out in appropriate treaty form after the new world organization is formed.

The proposed mutual guarantee of borders has raised a delicate point with the United States because U.S. power to declare war rests with Con-

gress. The "Declaration of Chapultepec," approved by a subcommittee yesterday and now before the conference would have committed the United States to go to war on a majority vote of the Americas.

It was also learned that the United States and Mexican plans for reorganizing the Pan-American Union have been combined and meet the approval of all nations here. The final plan will give the Union political powers and incorporate the U.S. suggestions for yearly meetings of foreign ministers, quadrennial meetings of American states and yearly rotation of the Union chairmanship.

## Hit Lewis' 'Advance Doubt'

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (UP).—Soft coal operators tonight labeled the United Mine Workers' request for a strike ballot as "advance doubt" of the success of wage negotiations which open tomorrow.

The miners' action was taken Tuesday when UMW president John L. Lewis formally advised Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins that there is a "dispute" with the operators and he was giving 30 days notice of

a strike ballot as required by the Smith-Connally Act.

The operators, representing 90 percent of soft coal production, said tonight that "this would seem to indicate a doubt in Mr. Lewis' mind" that new contract negotiations will succeed. They added that "obviously a dispute could not arise before any meeting. Therefore the operators do not share Mr. Lewis' doubt."

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Members of a U.S. First Army patrol cautiously crawl forward over the wreckage in strategic Duren, Germany, as Nazi artillery shells whistle overhead, to rout out German snipers.

## The Veteran Commander

### THE BATTLE OF THE ERFT

THE American Ninth Army (Gen. Simpson) has pushed a hatchet-like salient from the Roer to the Erft on a 25-mile front between Waldniel and Elsdorf. The southern tip of the hatchet is formed by elements of the neighboring First Army. The northern tip points at Muenchen-Gladbach, an important industrial center of the Ruhr region, and American vanguards are approaching the town, which the Germans will probably defend stubbornly because in this sector there are no natural defenses short of the Rhine, and the city's stand is the only thing that can delay our troops on their march toward Duesseldorf and Duisburg. The southern tip of the hatchet points at Cologne, and our troops are less than 10 miles from that key town (Cologne, like Bonn, and unlike Duesseldorf and Duisburg, lies on the west bank of the Rhine).

The entire right wing of the hatchet-like salient, between Morken and Kerpen, now faces the Erft, which is the last natural barrier before Cologne. It is not much of a river, being only about 100 feet wide, but it runs through a mile-wide swampy valley and a canal doubles up its course; there is a low ridge of hills on the east bank, and the Germans will probably defend this line because it forms a convenient "bridgehead" position covering the Neuss-Cologne-Bonn sector of the Rhine.

It would appear that the break to the Rhine will be effected north of this bridgehead, i.e., along the Muenchen-Gladbach-Duesseldorf line.

Far to the north the Canadians captured Calcar and are pushing southeastward parallel to the Niers River and along its eastern bank. A large pocket is thus forming between the Canadian right and the Ninth Army's left, with the British Second Army poised facing the bottom of the pocket between Roermond and the area of Goch. However, the pocket is wide (35 miles) and shallow (5-10 miles) and many roads lead out of it to the east (Venlo-Wesel, Venlo-Duisburg, Venlo-

Krefeld-Duesseldorf) and a trap will be most difficult to forge here because, as we pointed out before, neither the Canadians nor the left wing of the American Ninth have effected a real operational breakthrough yet.

The position of the Second British Army along the Maas now appears to be "unproductive," and it is quite possible that Field Marshal Montgomery has moved its bulk somewhere else (probably north) for an eventual break across the Rhine in the Arnhem-Emmerich sector.

MARSHAL ROKOSSEVSKY has broken through toward the Baltic in Pomerania and has by-passed the stronghold of Neustettin (which will probably fall any hour now). He is striking at the coast between the junctions of Belgard and Stolpe, cutting off the Germans in the Polish Corridor and in eastern Pomerania.

(Note to those who follow the operations on a detailed map: Please remember that there are several name duplications in Pomerania, Pomorze and East Prussia; there is a Konigsberg in East Prussia and one south of Stettin; there is a Baerwalde south of Stettin and one near Belgard; there is a Stargard east of Stettin and another one southwest of Danzig; there are also two Friedlands and two Eylaus, but these do not matter any more, having all been captured by the Red Army.)

IT IS reported that some 250 blocks were burned down in Tokyo as a result of the assault of our Superfortresses last Sunday. Our surface craft struck Hachijo Island, some 175 miles south of Tokyo. Carrier-based planes blasted airfields, plants, railroads, etc., in the Tokyo area.

East of Manila our troops have hammered out a three-mile advance against the stiffest resistance of the campaign (outside of Manila proper). The Iwo campaign is developing satisfactorily against suicidal enemy resistance.

## WLB Hikes Phone Operators' Pay

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (UP).—The War Labor Board tonight awarded wage increases of \$3 a week to telephone operators in New York, Memphis and Louisville and boosted the pay of Washington, D. C., operators by \$4 a week.

It also ordered a reduction in length of service requirements for maximum pay to Washington oper-

ators and long line employees in the other cities.

Economic Stabilizer Fred M. Vinson's approval is not necessary because none of the companies have asked for compensation rate adjustments.

The cases are the first to be considered by the newly-created national telephone panel which out-

lined the "guide lines" it will follow in examining other disputes. Its recommendations won the unanimous approval of the board.

The \$3 pay increase will go to 7,000 New York, Louisville and Memphis employees of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., and to all traffic division operators of the New York Telephone Co.

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